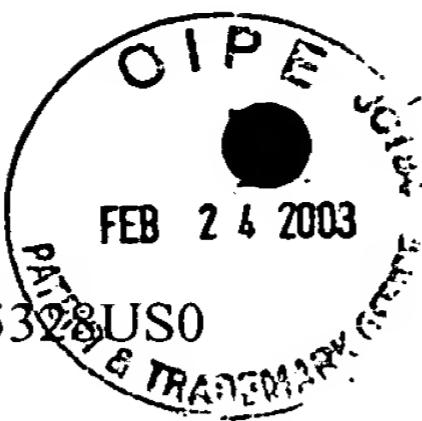


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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Thomas SCHAEFER et al

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1754

SERIAL NO.: 09/903,777

: EXAMINER: M. MEDINA SANABRIA

FILED: July 13, 2001

FOR: HYDROGEN CYANIDE SYNTHESIS PROCESS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed November 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 7 and 9-14.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

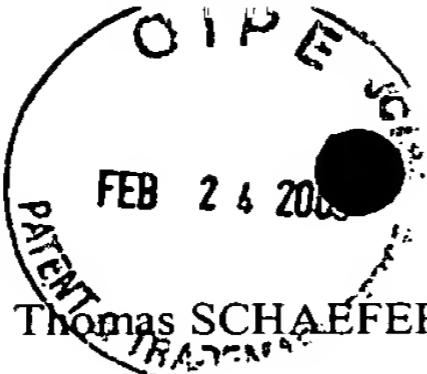
1. (Amended) A process for the synthesis of hydrogen cyanide, comprising:
reacting methane or methane-containing natural gas, ammonia and oxygen-enriched air or oxygen in the presence of a catalyst comprising platinum or a platinum alloy;
wherein oxygen and nitrogen are present in a molar ratio which satisfies the following relationship:

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SIR:
Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration with attached Marked-Up Copy in the above-identified application.

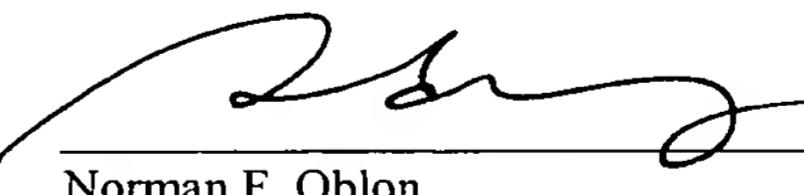
- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith:

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached.
- Please charge any additional Fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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